 Sixteen tiger cubs have been rescued from inside a crate on the back of a truck in Thailand.

Police discovered the animals stuffed inside crates when they stopped a truck driver near Thailand's border with Laos.

The driver told police that he'd been paid £300 to transport the cubs.

Trading tigers is illegal in Thailand, but they are prized in many parts of Asia because some people use them in traditional medicines.

The rescued tiger cubs are now being looked after by wildlife officials.

The driver could face up to four years in prison or a fine of about $3000 for smuggling.

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